(b) if so, since when and what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the amount of losses the I. P. C. L. would suffer daily; and

(d) what steps have been taken to reopen the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a), (b) and (d) As a sequel to on illegal flash strike call given by two of the employees unions at 7.00 PM on 23-7-92, the employees operating the plants in IPCL's Vadodara Complex left their place of work leaving the plants unmanned thus exposing the plants to unsafe and hazardous, conditons. Employees of 10.00 PM shift were prevented by the striking workers from entering the plants. Even supervisory personnel were stopped from entering the plants for ensuring safe shutdown. In order to ensure safety of men and material within the complex and neighbouring villages, IPCL management declare lock out on 24-7-92 at 6.00 A.M.

The lockout has since been lifted from 8.30 AM on 1-8-92, following an amicable settlement and withdrawal of strike by the two employees unions.

(c) According to IPCL, the amount of loss suffered by the Company in terms of contribution during the period of lockout could be around Rs. 14 crores.

Recruitment of raw-material to manufacture Phosphatic Fertilizers

4617. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the raw material required to manufacture phosphatic fertilizers;

(b) the quantity of raw material indegenously available and how much is being imported;

(c) whether there is any plans under Governments consideration to instal phosphatic fertilizers plants in Gulf countries or in Canada; and

(d) the number of application received in this regard and what action has been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The raw materials required for the manufacture of phosphatic fertilizers are mainly rock phosphate and sulphur. Ammonia and phosphoric acid are also used as intermediates in the manufacture of phosphatic fertilizers.

(b) During 1991-92, the quantities of raw materials/intermediates produced indigenously and imported for fertilizer production are shown below :—

	Imported (in lakh tonnes) (estimated)	Indigenously produced (in lakhs tonnes) (estimated)
Sulphur	7.20	—
Rock-phosphate	26.02	4.54
Phosphoric Acid	16.48	3.46
Ammonia	8.04	86.14

(c) and (d) There is no proposal for Government to instal phosphatic fertilizer plants in any Gulf country or in Canada. However, based on a request from M|s. SPIC, Government approved on 28.6.90 setting up of a joint venture project for the manufacture of 2.08 lakh tonnes of phosphoric acid per annum in Jordan. An application was reecived by Government on 7-7-1992 from M|s. Titagarh Steels Limited for setting up a joint venture project to manufacture phosphoric acid in Israel.

Liability of S.G. Phamaceuticals

4618. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the liability of S.G. Pharmaceuticals in respect of Xylocaine;

(b) whether it is a fact that Special Team did not assets the liabilities;

(c) whether it is a fact that company went to the Court;

(d) if so, when and what are the details thereof;

(e) what is the present position in this regard;

(f) what are the details of cases where neither the special team nor the department assessed the liabilities; and

(g) what are the names of companies which neither responded nor provided data despite notices issued by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) To the extent information available, there is no liability of M|s. S. C. Pharmaceuticals in respect of Xylocaine.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

(f) and (g) Assessment of tentative liabilities of the companies on account of violation of the various provisions of the DPCOs and | or because of the judgement of the courts, has already been completed in a number of cases, while in respect of remaining cases, all efforts are being made to copmlete the same as quickly as possible. In a number of cases the progress has been hampered on accunt of non-receipt of complete data for the entire relevant period. The companies have been informed that in case they do not cooperate, the Government will be left with no alternative but to compute their liabilities on the basis of whatever data becomes available to it from wherever. The question of any company being let off does not arise. All efforts will be made to effect the recoveries as legally permisible.

Transfer of Land by the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited, Sindri Unit

4619. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a piece of land was transferred to the Bihar State Housing Board by the management of the F. C. I. Sindri Unit for launching housing scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Sindri Unit management has not handed over the said piece of land to the Bihar State Housing Board;

(c) whether there is any request from Bihar State Housing Board pending before the Sindri Unit management in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) :(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.